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The congress which expires tomorrow, has been in almost continuous session for two years and will leave enough work piled up to last ten years more.

The town elections in Vermont take place tomorrow. In the long run every town and village gets just the kind of local government it deserves. The best test of the sentiment, standing and common sense of a town is the class of men it puts in charge of its affairs.

The Bolshevik peril which has engulfed Russia seems to be gaining the upper hands in Germany. Italy and France are next in line and Great Britain is only just across the channel. The world war is ended but the world strife has only just begun. It must continue until the mass of humanity discovers that there is no political system or fruit of propaganda that will make all people prosperous, happy and contented.

The League of Nations isn't a difficult issue to understand. The chief point at issue is whether or not it is wise to become a minority stockholder in a big company in which a majority of the board of directors are chosen by somebody else and whose interests may be altogether different than ours. The great war just ended was fought to some extent on the issue of protecting the struggling nationalism of oppressed races, but the constitution of the proposed league of nations places over all nationalism an international board with extensive powers of control. It makes the United States a partner of other nations rather than an independent power. It may be a necessary step in the progress of the world, but we are not yet so convinced.

A state tax of thirty cents on the dollar is forecasted by the chairman of the committee on ways and means, Representative George T. Dunham. A tax of thirty cents on the dollar will raise approximately three-quarters of a million dollars and that ought to be sufficient to pay running expenses and clear up a part of the big bill incurred through state pay for the boys in service. The Banner believes that it is better business judgment for the state to pay as it goes along rather than to pile up a debt which results in heavy interest charges. The Banner further believes that a little revision of the inheritance tax law would add a good sum yearly to the state treasury with less hardship than almost any other tax. Under the present law, many of the big estates largely escape taxation through transfers arranged in advance.

Governor Clement.

Under the above caption the Bennington Banner carries some very pessimistic thoughts in relation to progress under the present governor of Vermont. The Banner sees in him a rich man, arrived at that age where he is averse to change and content to live in the days that were. This is a disappointing and, we trust, an unfair estimate of Gov. Clement. The world today is witnessing the greatest transformation in history. Old ideas and ideals are being discarded, traditions are being trampled upon, precedent is no longer of value, new thought, sharply divergent from established usage is finding expression.

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sion as new conditions are created. Everywhere the world is settling itself into channels of definite progress; we must move forward or fall far behind the procession.

As we recall the election of Mr. Clement, was hailed as a defeat for the old guard and something like a new era was predicted in Vermont affairs. Possibly the people of the state failed to appreciate the fact that human nature is not immutable, that time works its changes of course, and yet again the thought occurs that disappointment is not yet actually assured.

True the governor has followed along the usual course of procedure thus far. We imagine many of his supporters are grieved over the lack of fireworks at Montpelier, there is a grave drawback in being over-advertised.

Were he to father, for instance, some adequate highway legislation, which would start Vermont on the way to freeing her imprisoned scenery and take from it the label "for home consumption only" we should feel inclined to write his name large in history.

We think Gov. Clement wants something better said of him than that he was but an "average governor" and we think his mind is not so entirely closed to the history making events of the day as to be unaware of the necessity of keeping Vermont headed toward the front.

Having vigorously opposed the election of the present governor we might perchance upon the back fence and with a sort of an "I told you so" attitude, but we should much rather put our shoulder to the wheel and send Vermont spinning along to better things.

We have not, as yet, reached the determination that Mr. Clement sought the governorship simply to become an obstacle in the path of the Shepley amendment, nor that the honor of serving as governor was the basis of his ambition.

Gov. Clement can make very high indeed in Vermont history, or he can sink into the mediocrity which is the portion of men who are content to let things drift.

We shall reserve our feeling of disappointment, at least, until we are more assured of its need.—Burlington News.

MACHINE GUNS GUARD JAIL

John Snowden, Colored, Executed for Murder

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 28.—John Snowden, colored, was hanged at the county jail today for the murder of Lottie May Brandon, in August, 1917. She was the wife of Valentine Brandon, formerly employed at the naval experiment station here.

The jail was heavily guarded by soldiers with machine guns and police from Baltimore to prevent any demonstration or attempts to interfere with the execution. Considerable feeling had been stirred up among the negroes owing to failure to obtain a commutation of Snowden's sentence or a reprieve. Gov. Harrington held that while the evidence against Snowden was circumstantial, it was absolutely convincing.

Mrs. Brandon was white, about 20, and was an expectant mother. Her body was found in her home on Aug. 9, 1917. The police investigation showed that she had been choked and killed by a blow on the head; also that she had been outraged. Snowden was convicted mainly on the evidence of two negro women, who testified that they saw Snowden leave the Brandon residence at about the hour Mrs. Brandon was supposed to have been killed.

MORE SICKNESS OVERSEAS

Washington, Feb. 26.—Illness among the American expeditionary forces showed considerable increase during the week ending the 6th. There were 132 new cases of typhoid fever, setting a new high rate for this disease.

The statistical review made public today gave the total number of sick reported on the 6th as 79,069, of whom 59,325 were being treated for disease, and the remainder for injuries.

The total number of sick and injured returned from France from the beginning of the war up to the 14th was placed at 69,574, of whom 59,456 had been sent home, since the armistice was signed.

Health conditions in the army at home were reported as satisfactory for the week of the 14th, with the pneumonia rate steadily decreasing.

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RETURNING OUR TROOPS

Claim It Is Being Done As Fast As Possible.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Major Gen. Harbord, commander of the Service of Supply, who also is in charge of the work of sending home the American forces, has given an exclusive statement to The Stars and Stripes regarding the error of exaggerated hopes of a speedy return of the troops from France. The General said:

"The War Department has never said that we would be transporting 300,000 men a month back home at this time and all talk of that sort is nonsense. Give us the ships and the monthly sailing records will take care of themselves.

"We can fill the vessels with soldiers, no matter how fast they come. We have received all the shipping we have been promised by the War Department, and our sailings have been as heavy as any one who appreciates the present state of the world's shipping should expect.

"We confidently expect to have 175,000 embarkations in February. That is about the average for January, allowing for the fewer days in February. We expect not only to maintain this average, but gradually to better it until the middle of spring when we look for a substantial increase of shipping from both foreign sources and from the cargo boats which are now being fitted out in the United States to carry passengers.

Immediate increase in the number of passenger vessels available from foreign sources is not looked for. We have secured a certain amount of German shipping and in March we expect to carry 17,000 troops back to the United States in these boats.

These ships will remain in the United States for several weeks, however, to be repaired and refitted with increased carrying accommodations, and then will be put into the transport service again. That will increase our troops carrying facilities.

"I cannot say how many boats we have engaged in carrying troops at present, because all shipping is furnished to us from the United States and it varies from month to month. For example, we may have four ships carrying troops at the present time, which will be withdrawn from service on their arrival in the United States, and other ships of different capacities will be put on in their places by the War Department. Ships are in constant need of repairs and when a ship breaks down it is difficult to tell when it will be ready for sea again.

One must realize that when the United States was rushing troops to France at the rate of 300,000 a month last summer more than half of the shipping engaged in that work was furnished by the British Government. Great Britain, France and Italy were going on short rations to make that diversion of shipping possible, and get our troops over here where they could fight.

"After the armistice, naturally enough, Great Britain set about the work of getting in a supply of food and material and transporting home her colonial troops to India, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa—troops that have been over here for several years. When that task has been completed Great Britain will turn over to us a number of additional transports which will increase our troop-carrying capacity greatly.

"At the present time we are utilizing a number of British boats. Every month we are told how many men we can figure on transporting home in the British boats the next month. So far the British have exceeded their estimates every time. We are already using French, Italian and other vessels and are adding new ones as the opportunity offers.

"The return of the A. E. F. therefore, is almost wholly a question of boats. At all times since the signing of the armistice the army has been prepared to load without undue delay all the transports available. At present there are 300,000 to 400,000 officers and men ready for quick movement to the gangplanks, and of these 5,183 officers and 139,211 enlisted men are actually at embarkation ports, the remainder being within easy traveling distance of the ports.

FREED BY A PIECE OF SOAP

American Prisoner's Bribe Won Liberty in Germany

Coblenz, Feb. 12.—Half a cake of soap, used as a bribe, opened the road to liberty for an American soldier who recently rejoined his regiment after being imprisoned in Germany. William Litch, a private in the Twenty-sixth infantry, was captured Oct. 4 during the fighting in the Argonne and taken to a prison camp near Baden. From another American who had received a prisoner's package Litch procured a piece of soap not much larger than his thumb. A few nights before the signing of the armistice Litch gave the soap to a German prison guard and stepped out of the stockade a free man. He began traveling by night and hiding by day, but before he reached the front he was overtaken by other released American prisoners, who told him of the armistice.

Even today in the American occupied area soap will buy articles which are not purchasable with money.

EQUALS RECORD SKI JUMP

Anders Haugen Covers 205 Feet in Mighty Leap

Stenboat Springs, Col., Feb. 28.—The world's record ski jump of 205 feet was equaled today by Anders Haugen of St. Paul at the annual ski tournament. He won the professional event with 349 points, defeating by 6 points his brother, Lars Haugen, who failed to retain his footing after jumps of 209 and 212 feet.

Nels Jensen of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station won the amateur event with 264 points and a jump of 118 feet.

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SENATOR KNOX SPEAKS

He Assails League of Nations and Proposes Plan

Washington, Mar. 1.—Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, former secretary of state, speaking in the senate, assailed the league of nations as striking down American constitutional principles, and proposed a new-world organization which, he said, "would preserve the Monroe doctrine and save America from results of European intrigue."

Senator Knox said the league constitution as presented "Sanctions, in broad and commands war." He proposed an international organization of all nations of the world which should primarily declare war an international crime and stipulate that any nation engaging in it except in self defense be punished by the world as an international criminal.

He suggested that international disputes be decided by nations according to an international code defining war; that no nation could summon another before the court unless the subject under discussion was of common concern to the contending nations and that the jurisdiction of the court should not extend to matters of governmental policy.

NEW CONGRESS

Hays Says People Entitled to Extra Session.

New York, Feb. 27.—A special session of Congress "as soon as possible" in order that the republican majority in both houses may begin to function, was advocated by Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, at a dinner in his honor here tonight.

"The people elected the republican congressmen and senators in the belief they could aid by legislation in getting affairs in this country into economical, businesslike, constitutional, sane, progressive operation," asserted Mr. Hays. "The people are entitled to have a special session as soon as possible that these men may be given an opportunity to function."

RAILROADS KILL 9476

Also 66,982 Persons Were Injured in 1917

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Accidents on American railroads during 1917 resulted in the death of 9,567 persons and the injury of 70,956, the interstate commerce commission reported today. During the previous year 9,476 lives were lost and 66,982 persons were injured. Accidents on grade crossings of steam railroads numbered 3,673, in which 1,777 persons were killed and 4,265 injured. Trespassers on railroad property figured heavily in the accident figures, 4,243 having been killed during 1917 and 3,329 injured. Trainmen killed while on duty numbered 1,492 and injured 47,887. Passengers killed were 301 and injured 7,582.

Town Meeting Warning

The inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, qualified by law to vote in town meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Library hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 4th day of March 1919 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To see whether the town will vote to empower and authorize the selectmen to appoint one or two road commissioners, the number to be determined by the town will vote to elect one or two road commissioners.

2. To see if the town will vote to elect one Library trustee.

3. To see if the town will vote to elect a lister to serve one year in addition to the lister to be elected at said meeting for the term of three years.

4. (a) To see if the town will vote to elect a second constable, (b) To see how many grand jurors the town will vote to elect for the year ensuing, (c) To see if the town will vote to elect a collector of taxes, (d) To see if the town will vote to elect a tree warden.

5. To elect all town officers, including the officers of the Town School District.

6. To vote by ballot in the manner provided by law upon the following questions: A. "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" B. "Shall licenses of the fifth class be granted in this town?"

7. To hear reports of the town officers.

8. To see what sums are necessary to be raised for the following purposes, viz: for the laying out, maintaining and repairing the highways of the town and for the payment of a state highway tax; for maintaining the schools and the school-houses, and for the school purposes of the town and for the payment of a state school tax; for the payment of any indebtedness and interest thereon; for the support of the poor; for the maintenance of bridges and of winter or snow roads; for the prosecution and defense of the common rights and interests of the inhabitants of the town; for the other necessary and incidental current town expenses; and the payment of such state tax as may be voted by the Legislature now sitting; and to vote a tax upon the Grand List of the town for the payment thereof.

9. To see what sum, if any, and not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, in excess of the amount of the highway taxes now required by law, the town will vote to appropriate to be expended for the permanent improvement of its highways in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Public Statutes of Vermont, and amendment thereof.

10. To see what, if any additional sum the town will vote to appropriate for the permanent improvement of highways within said town, and if any appropriation is voted, to determine where the same shall be expended.

11. To see what, if any sum, the town will vote to appropriate from its general fund for the purpose of maintaining the highways of the town for the purpose of cooperating with or securing the benefits of the state patrol system for patrolling and maintaining selected roads.

12. To see if the town will vote to have medical inspection of the schools of the town.

13. To see if the town will vote to install a uniform system of public accounting as recommended by the officials appointed by the Governor under one hundred and nine of the Acts of 1915.

14. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the planting or protection of shade trees, pursuant to the provisions of No. 75 of the Acts of 1904, entitled, "An Act to Provide for the Protection of Shade Trees."

15. To determine at what time the tax bills shall be delivered to the treasurer of the town for collection.

16. To see if the listers for 1919 shall be paid for their services September 1st, next, and what sum per day shall be paid to the town officers; the town clerk, and the board of civil authority for their services for the coming year.

17. To see what sum, if any, the

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town will vote in aid of, or for the purpose of maintaining a public library or libraries therein and also, to determine how the same shall be distributed.

18. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote toward the expense of observing Decoration or Memorial day.

19. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate and report at the next annual meeting, or sooner if called upon, the necessity and probable costs of a town hall with town officers therein and to report therewith, recommendations as to the site and size of such a building and the purposes for which it should be built.

20. To see if the Town School District will vote to pay a higher rate of tuition than \$36 per school year per pupil for the High School instruction which it furnishes its advanced pupils as required by law, and if so votes to fix said rate.

21. To transact any other business found necessary when met.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 18th day of February, 1919.

J. O. Burt,
Selectmen of the Town of Bennington.

Y. M. C. A. MEN SENTENCED
Three Embezzlers of Funds in France
Get Prison Terms.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The three Y. M. C. A. workers who were arrested in January for the embezzlement of funds have been found guilty by a court-martial and sentenced to imprisonment. George B. Schofield of Rochester, N. Y., was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, while the Rev. H. B. Atkins of Texas, and J. Mansfield, formerly of New York, were sentenced to ten years each.

E. C. Carter, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. with the American army, issued a statement on Jan. 14, after the arrest of Schofield, Atkins, and Mansfield, that the misappropriations amounted to \$38,940. The irregularities occurred at Toul and Brest. Mr. Carter said that a greater part of the stolen money had been recovered.

Schofield formerly was Assistant Secretary of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Mansfield was at one time Secretary of the Sailors' Union of New York City.

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